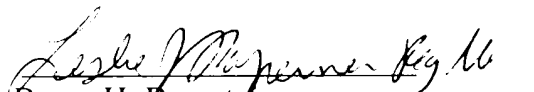


P19743.A01

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned
at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
TAKEDA et al.


Bruce H. Bernstein
Reg. No. 29,027

July 7, 2000
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1941 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191